

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 5, 8 through 10, and 13 through 15 have been amended.

Claims 1 through 15 remain pending in the application. The purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to clarify the translation and remove multiple dependent claims from the application to reduce filing costs. It is submitted that this Amendment has antecedent basis in the application as originally filed, including the specification, claims and drawings, and that this Amendment does not add any new subject matter to the application. Consideration of the application as amended is requested. It is submitted that this Amendment places the application in suitable condition for allowance; notice of which is requested.

If for some reason Applicant has not paid a sufficient amount to prevent abandonment of this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee due or credit any overpayment to deposit account no. 08-0750. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed for this purpose.

If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the present application can be expedited by way of an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT FOR SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

The following is a marked up version of each replacement paragraph and/or section of the specification in which underlines indicates insertions and brackets indicate deletions.

1. (AMENDED) A jewellery alloy [as hereinbefore defined,] comprising 76 - 83.5 wt% gold and 16.5 - 21.5 wt% aluminum, and having a substantially purple hue.
4. (AMENDED) A jewellery alloy according to claim 1 [any one of the preceding claims], consisting of more than 78.5 wt% and up to an including 83.5 wt% gold and a balance of aluminum.
5. (AMENDED) A jewellery allow according to [any one of] claim[s] 1[to 3], further comprising an additional element selected from the group consisting of palladium and nickel.
8. (AMENDED) A jewellery alloy according to claim 5[, claim 6 or claim 7], wherein the additional element is palladium and is present in an amount of between 0.5 wt% and 4.0 wt%.
9. (AMENDED) A jewellery alloy according to claim 5[, claim 6 or claim 7], wherein the additional element is nickel and is present in an amount of between 1.0 wt% and 2.0 wt%.
10. (AMENDED) An article comprising a metal component, wherein the metal component comprises a jewellery alloy according Claim 1 [to any one of the preceding claims].

13. (AMENDED) An [jewellery] alloy [containing] comprising 16.5 – 21.5 wt% aluminum, 0 – 4.0 wt% palladium, 0 – 2 wt% nickel and the balance gold [(except for impurities and incidental elements)].

14. (AMENDED) [An] The alloy of claim 13 containing 18.5 – 19.5 wt%
aluminum, 0.5 – 4.0 wt% palladium and the balance gold, except for impurities and
incidental elements.

15. (AMENDED) [An] The alloy of claim 13 containing 18.5 – 19.5 wt% aluminum, 1.0 – 2.0 wt% nickel and the balance gold, except for impurities and incidental elements.